Adm̃ Reuerende Pater.

P. Joan. Grueberum, patrem sane amantissimum in oris Sinarū toto orbe dispersis aditurum hisce ad R.V. dati, tum ob communem similium studiorum necessitudinem; tum nonnullam meã in R.V.ae cordialissimae voluntatis affectusq demonstrandam contestandamq onerandum duxi. Dici autem vix potest quanto voluptatis sensu lectione rerum á R.V. tanta dexteritate nostri tum honore tum Ecclesiae Sinicae emolumento dedicatus fuerim; sed ut uerum fatear, pari sane affectus magnitudine dolui; ne R.V.ae jis in rebus laboribusq gloriosis, ad divini nominis gloriam tantopere profuturis collaborare non posse. Nos heroica vestra opera eminus admirati cum aliud non queamus vitam nostram Cartaceis puerorum crepundijs cum dolore terimus; utinam cum aliquo merito! quod ut non desit, faxit divina bonitas et clementia. Gaudeo quoq ex intimis animi medullis amantissimum P. nostrum Ferdinandum Verbiest in Regia Mathematica palaestra á R.V. successorem constitutum; qui ubi eximio pollet ingenio, ita quoq muneris sui partes omnes egregie expleturum confido. O utinam plures haberemus etiam in Europa tam gloriosae successionis capaces, tunc optime sane de nobis nobisq actum conferemus. Sed nescio quo fato accidat, ut ij qui possent senectutis taedio impediti nolint; alij vero etiam longioris summiq periculi expositi itineris fastidio deterriti, tam acceptae Deo vineae operam dare detrectent. Verum enim vero ubi maxime humanae negotiationis industria succubuerit, ibi divinae providentiae dispositionem minime defuturam confido. Habeo modo prae manibus librum qui inscribitur CHINA quae sacris et profanis Illustrata; in quo gloriosorum a R.V. gestorum frequens mentio fit; in quo et PP. NN. exantlatos in vinea Christi labores posteritati ad imitandum propono. Faxit divina bonitas ut dicto libro suo tempore frui possit. Ad noua quod attinet attinet eum melius ex latore hujus viua epistola oretenus R.V. intelliget, quam ego subscriptis verbis explicare non queam. Vale itaq mi pater mellitissime, Vale Soc. nostrae Germaniaeq decus et gloria, necnon Sinicae Ecclesiae unicum fulcimentum; mei interim in suis SS. et orat. haud immemor.

Romae 16 April. 1664

R.V. famulus in Xto
Athanasius Kircher

P. Jo. Adamo Schall. Pechinum Sinarum.

[illegible] Pomerancio Salut.

Excellentia vestra beneficiis [illegible], tantum non oppressit, quibus rependendis, ubi me imparem video, in quos [illegible]

~~[illegible] mecum [illegible]~~ qui in re mea in Ecc. V. voluntatem ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] comprobare videam, meum [illegible]

Sed ubi non nisi charitatem meam repono, in [illegible] illud [illegible] gloriosi [illegible] dedi [illegible] adorno, ne [illegible] beneficientiae

[illegible] magistratus [illegible] pec. 15 [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] ac si [illegible] mille [illegible] [illegible] non [illegible]

in ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] quam [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] me [illegible] affectionem [illegible]

de qua [illegible] et immortales gratias ago. Gratissimum erit [illegible] Caesari, [illegible] me [illegible]

[illegible] opportunitate data commendare [illegible] [illegible]. Nam qui scribam non occurrunt, nisi magnificus [illegible]

[illegible] Card[ina]lis [illegible] in Franciam Legati a latere, ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] monachi. [illegible]

[illegible] de impositorum acerbitate conquerunt et murmurant. [illegible] in magnis angustiis constituti. [illegible]

~~periculo~~ [illegible] [illegible] angit. inde negotiationes [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] orbis [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] et [illegible]. Verba [illegible] [illegible] spem inter [illegible], quod

~~[illegible]~~ Imperatoris [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] et [illegible] non est quod

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] nil aliud nisi horrenda et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Et cum aliud non occurrat, me Excell. V. gratiae ac [illegible] commendatum volo;